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SUBJECT: DEALING WITH GHORBAL ON SADAT VISIT

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- 1. APPRECIATE PROBLEM YOU ARE FACING AND ALSO GHORBAL'S DESIRE PARTICIPATE . AS YOU STATE, WE FACE AN AWKWARD DILEMMA IN THIS MATTER.
- 2. I DISCUSSED THE PROBLEM WITH FAHMY THIS MORNING,
  POINTING OUT THAT GHORBAL IS BEING APPROACHED BY VARIOUS
  ORGANIZATIONS AROUND THE COUNTRY WITH RECOMMENDATIONS AND
  ALSO HAS A NUMBER OF IDEAS HE WANTS TO INCLUDE. IN VIEW
  OF PRESIDENT SADAT'S SPECIFIC INSTRUCTIONS THAT FAHMY WOULD
  WORK OUT DETAILS WITH US, WE HAVE UP TO NOW BEEN HOLDING
  GHORBAL OFF. A POINT HAS NOW BEEN REACHED WHERE WE HAVE A
  DRAFT PROGRAM WHICH WE WANT TO DISCUSS WITH THE EGYPTIANS
  AND HAVE TO KNOW HOW MUCH FAHMY WANTS GHORBAL BROUGHT IN.
- 3. PREDICTABLY, FAHMY SAID GHORBAL SHOULD NOT RPT NOT BE BROUGHT IN AT THIS TIME. HE, FAHMY, WOULD INFORM GHORBAL IN DUE COURSE. FOR THE TIME BEING ANY SUCH PROGRAM SHOULD ONLY BE DISCUSSED BETWEEN FAHMY, HASSAN KAMEL AND ME. HE SUGGESTED THAT YOU TELL GHORBAL THAT, ON THE BASIS OF FAHMY'S TENTATIVE SUGGESTIONS, WE ARE WORKING SECRET

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OUT A DRAFT PROGRAM WHICH WE FEEL WE MUST FIRST DISCUSS WITH

THE PRESIDENT AND FAHMY IN CAIRO. WE WILL, OF COURSE, LET GHORBAL KNOW WHEN WE HAVE SOME DEFINITE REACTIONS.

- 4. INCIDENTIALLY, I AM NOT SO MUCH CONCERNED WITH BREAKDOWN IN COORDINATION, SINCE THE MORE EGYPTIANS WHO GET INTO THE ACT, THE MORE PROBLEMS THERE WILL BE. I ASSUME GHORBAL IS DOING NOTHING TO COMMIT THE PRESIDENT. I FULLY AGREE THAT FOR GHORBAL'S IMAGE, WE SHOULD AVOID THE IMPRESSION THAT HE IS BEING EXCLUDED. IT SEEMS TO ME WE COULD ALSO SUGGEST TO GHORBAL TO MAKE HIS SUGGESTIONS TO FAHMY, IF HE HAS NOT ALREADY DONE SO. IN ADDITION WE COULD LET HIM KNOW THAT THE PRESIDENT HAS SPECIFICALLY SIAD HE WANTS NO MORE THAN ONE OR TWO EVENTS AT ANY ITINERARY STOP OUTSIDE OF WASHINGTON. WE ARE BEING GUIDED BY THIS, WHICH MEANS RIGOROUS CUTTING OF WHAT MIGHT OTHERWISE BE DESIRABLE EVENTS.
- 5. I RECOGNIZE THIS IS NOT AN IDEAL SOLUTION TO THE PROBLEM. UNFORTUNATELY, GIVEN THE INTENSE PERSONAL RIVALRY BETWEEN THESE TWO MEN, WE HAVE NO CHOICE BUT TO LIVE WITH IT. EILTS

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